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I strongly disagree with the proposed settlement. Rather than detailing all the areas of disagreement in a this email, I have joined with others to co-sign the open letter at:

<http://www.kegel.com/remedy/letter.html>

A far more effective set of remedies is proposed here:

<http://www.gnu.org/philosophy/microsoft-antitrust.html>

which contains the following main points:

1. Require Microsoft to publish complete documentation of all interfaces between software components, all communications protocols, and all file formats.
2. Require Microsoft to use its patents for defense only, in the field of software.
3. Require Microsoft not to certify any hardware as working with Microsoft software, unless the hardware's complete specifications have been published, so that any programmer can implement software to support the same hardware.

I am a free market supporter, but disagree with those that feel the free market can function without effective regulation.

Regards,
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